CLAIMS

1. A muscle-building preparation for use during rehabilitation after injury or post-injury surgery, the preparation comprising a composition comprising 42 to 55% by weight of protein, 12 to 20% by weight of fat, and 23 to 42% by weight of carbohydrate, on a dry weight basis of the total weight of the composition.

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- 2. The muscle-building preparation according to claim 1 wherein the injury is a fracture, joint injury, pulled muscle, or sprain.
- 3. The muscle-building preparation according to 15 claim 1 wherein the injury is a ligament injury.
 - 4. A food comprising the muscle-building preparation of claim 1.
- 5. A food indicated as a food for muscle building during rehabilitation after injury or post-injury surgery, the food containing a composition comprising 42 to 55% by weight of protein, 12 to 20% by weight of fat, and 23 to 42% by weight of carbohydrate, on a dry weight basis of the total weight of the composition.
- 6. A method of building muscles during rehabilitation after injury or post-injury surgery, comprising the step of ingesting a muscle-building

 30 preparation for use during rehabilitation after injury or post-injury surgery, or a food comprising the preparation, within 1 hour after physical exercise, the preparation comprising a composition comprising 42 to 55% by weight of protein, 12 to 20% by weight of fat, and 23 to 42% by

 35 weight of carbohydrate, on a dry weight basis of the total

weight of the composition.

- 7. The method according to claim 6 wherein the injury is a fracture, joint injury, pulled muscle, or5 sprain.
 - 8. The method according to claim 6 wherein the injury is a ligament injury.